(d) if so, Government's policy to make the recommendations of the Commission more effective?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) A total of 42 posts belonging to various categories are vacant in National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The number of complaints as on 31.12.2006 are more than 5000. Steps have been initiated to fill up the vacancies, which are, presently, at various stages.

(c) and (d) The first Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was presented to the Hon'ble President of India on 8th August, 2006 covering the years 2004-05 and 2005-06. The Report is required to be examined by this Ministry in terms of the provisions of Article 338A, Clause (6) and (7), of the Constitution.

Funds for the Schemes for Upliftment of Primitive Tribal Groups

692. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds given to Rajasthan under various schemes alongwith their utilization and the achievements;

(b) whether any special schemes have been sanctioned for the upliftment of primitive tribal groups in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The details of the funds released to the State Government of Rajasthan under various schemes implemented by this Ministry during the last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below) along with he details of their utilization and achievements where specific beneficiaries are covered.

(b) and (c) The Ministry has been implementing a special scheme namely 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups' for upliftment of 75 identified Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) in 17 States and 1 Union Territory, including the single Primitive Tribal Group *viz.* Saharia in the State of Rajasthan, since 1998-99. During the last three years, the Ministry has released Rs. 134.50 lakhs to the State Government of Rajasthan for activities promoting fisheies, providin pattal dona unit, constructing houses, and also for insurance coverage of heads of PTG-families in the State.

Statement

Details of funds released to the State Government of Rajasthan under the schemes of the Ministry during last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Grants released to the State Government of Rajasthan						Unspent balance
		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		
		Funds released	Beneficiaies covered	Funds released	Beneficiaries covered	Funds released	Beneficiaies covered	
1.	Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution	2070.00	—	2200.00	—	2240.48	—	2200.77
2.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan	3284.60	—	3284.60	—	3490.91	—	1789.60
3.	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	10.00	40 families	62.50	(1) Houses for 200 families (2) Insurance for 2500 family heads*	62.00	(1) Training to 250 persons (2) Insurance for 5000 family heads*	124.50
4.	Post Matric Scholarship	484.00	68404 persons	1792.57	73297 persons	1261.98	80373 persons	0.00
5.	Upgradation of Merit	7.73	51 persons	0.00	0	11.36	50 persons	6.55
	TOTAL:	5856.33	—	7339.67	—	7066.73	—	4121.42

*Insurance under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India.